

**Testimony Regarding Support for HB 5283 & SB 229 and  
School Construction Funds for Public Charter Schools  
March 4, 2022**

**Co-Chairs Senator McCrory and Representative Sanchez and other distinguished members of the Education Committee,**

**Hello, My name is Ziarih Garvins from Bridgeport, Connecticut. I attend The Bridge Academy, a charter school in Bridgeport. I am here today to ask you to support my school and charters across Connecticut.**

**Institutions like ours struggle because we may lack certain resources that promote intellectual thought - resources available in some of Connecticut's wealthier communities. Nonetheless, I'm here to convey my hope that the 2.5 billion dollars that could be invested in some of these key things may be done.**

**We are the new generation, we are the people, we are the kids who require assistance, please give us the opportunity to show you who we are.**

**We are the future; we will be the ones to carry on with and transform the planet. So we stand here and ask that you assist us, as well as the 10,000+ students who are in need of assistance, in going further and achieving more.**

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**The goals we want to achieve, the ambitions we have, I and many others feel this generation will go further than we are given credit for, so come and help us do what will change this period forever.**

**We are the new generation, Please invest in us!**

**Respectfully.**

**Ziarh Garvins- Student**

**The Bridge Academy Public Charter School**

**Bridgeport CT.**